

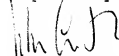
REMARKS

In response to the examiner's requirement for election of species, applicant elects Species III.

The requirement for election of species is based on the fact that the discovery process depicted in Step 1020 of FIG. 10 is optional and the output process of FIG. 10 may include either FIG. 12A or FIG. 12B. FIGS. 12A and 12B differ only with respect to Step 1210 of FIG. 12A, which is the step of obtaining output device attributes. Thus, all four species are in fact encompassed in FIG. 10 with Step 1020 omitted and FIG. 12B included in the output process. The four species identified by the examiner differ only with respect to whether one, two, or none of the optional steps are included.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-19 are readable on the elected species. Notwithstanding that claim 3 is not readable on Species III because it is directed to the discovery step, if claim 1 should be rejected over the prior art, applicant reserves the right to demand that claim 3, which is directed to Species I, be examined. Thus, applicant submits that the species defined by the examiner are improper, since although adding Step 1210 or Step 1020 to Species IV might result in an invention that is patentable independently of Species IV, omitting either Step 1020 or Step 1210 from Species I does not lead to an invention that is patentable independently of Species I.

Respectfully submitted,



---

John Smith-Hill  
Reg. No. 27,730

SMITH-HILL & BEDELL, P.C.  
16100 N.W. Cornell Road, Suite 220  
Beaverton, Oregon 97006

Tel. (503) 574-3100  
Fax (503) 574-3197  
Docket: FLEX 2400